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The school for training officer-candidates for Soviet Zone paramilitary units (Bereitschaften) located at Naumburg/Saale is a so-called category A school specializing in infantry training.

- The school is located on the premises of the former Cadet School which, during the Hitler period, housed one of the National Socialist Napola schools. The original Cadet School normally consisted of 300 students, a figure that was raised to 500 when it was reorganized as a Napola. It is evident, then, that the planned enrollment of 1000 students represents a considerable overcrowding of the physical facilities of the school.
- 3. The school was formally opened on 20 September 1949, concurrently with the beginning of the first course. As of about 1 October 1949 770 students had been recruited for the course. The ages of the recruits ran from 18 to 25. Almost none of the recruits has had regular army basic training. This deficiency already has made it necessary to revise the training program in order to devote an initial period of training to the basic techniques of the infantry soldier before going on to the actual officertraining portion of the course.
- The first course is intended to last one year, a fact which most recruits learn only after reporting to the school. It is es-timated that only about one third of the recruits are thoroughgoing communists on arriving at the school, and that the rest have no very clear understanding of nor any great enthusiasm for the course upon which they are embarking.
- The commander of the school is Kommandeur (fnu) Heiman, until September of this year in charge of training (Ausbildungsleiter) of the paramilitary units in Berlin. Attached to his staff as liaison officer from the Soviet authorities is Major Morzin who wears the uniform of the Soviet Zone German paramilitary police in filling this position. It is evident to all in the school that he is in fact a Russian. Morzin has stated that he has already completed a similar lieison tour of duty with a Polish unit in Lublin.

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